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### BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS & MINING DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Petition by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining for an Order:

- (1) Withdrawing Bryce H. Haas's Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations at the B&H Quarry, S/039/0020, located in portions of the east half of Section 5, Township 20 South, Range 2 East, SLBM, Sanpete County, Utah;
- (2) Forfeiting Bryce H. Haas's surety for the B&H Quarry;
- (3) Authorizing the Division to complete reclamation at the B&H Ouarry; and
- (4) Granting such further relief as the Board may deem just and reasonable under the circumstances.

#### MOTION TO CONTINUE HEARING

Docket No. 2013-038 Cause No. S/039/0020

The Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining ("Division"), through its attorneys and pursuant to Utah Code § 40-8-6, hereby moves the Utah Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining ("Board) to enter an order that continues this matter until the Board's hearing scheduled for February 26, 2014. The Division makes this request because the Board has a heavy case load scheduled for the January 22 Board hearing, and also because the Division contacted Mr. Haas within the past week, and Mr. Haas claimed he did not receive the Notice of Agency Action that was mailed on October 28, 2013. During the conversation, Mr. Haas claimed he did not have an address but would sue the Division if it did not notify him of the forfeiture proceedings. Continuing this matter to the February Board hearing will allow the Division to re-notice the matter to all addresses on file for Mr. Haas, and will allow the parties another month to prepare for the hearing. In light of the fact that Mr. Haas refused to provide a valid address, and considering that Mr. Haas was notified by telephone of the pending proceedings, the Division feels that it has exceeded its obligation in re-noticing this matter to all addresses on file for Mr. Haas.

Moreover, continuing the matter to the February 26 Board hearing will not prejudice any interested party. Regardless of whether if this matter were to be heard in January and the Board were to grant the relief requested in the Notice of Agency Action, the Division would nonetheless have to wait several months to complete reclamation because seasonal weather conditions do not allow reclamation work to be completed until after the winter has concluded. Therefore, hearing this matter in February will not materially alter the Division's ability to reclaim the site if the Board so orders.

A [Proposed] Order to Continue Hearing is attached for the Board's convenience.

DATED this 2 day of January, 2014.

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## [PROPOSED] ORDER TO CONTINUE HEARING

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Having reviewed the Division's Motion to Continue Hearing in the above-captioned matter, and for good cause appearing, the Utah Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining pursuant to Utah Administrative Code R641-106-700 hereby orders that this matter be continued until the Board's hearing scheduled for February 26, 2014.

So ORDERED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2014.

STATE OF UTAH BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

Ruland J. Gill, Jr., Chairman

#### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the forgoing **MOTION TO CONTINUE HEARING** to be personally served, mailed first class mail postage prepaid, or electronically mailed the 21st day of January, 2014, to:

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